

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

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1. (original) Fastening device, comprising a first element (1) that in use is attached to a substrate (2) and a second element (5) that, for the purpose of attaching an object (7) to the substrate, can be engaged to interlock with, while remaining capable of being disengaged from, the first element by means of its projection (4; 4a, 4b) that projects into the first element and that grips behind a catching edge (3) of the first element (1) by means of a gripping edge (8, 10).

2. (original) Device according to claim 1, in which the first and second elements are connected in such a manner that the one element must first be displaced sideways or tilted relative to the other element, after which the rigid projection can be removed from the first element.

3. (currently amended) Device according to claim[[s ]] 1 [[or 2]], with means of passage to remove the projection from the first element, for example in which the projection is adapted to be reduced in girth.

4. (currently amended) Device according to claim[[s ]] 1, [[2, or 3,]] in which the first element has an aperture (3), behind the rigid edge of which the gripping edge (8,10) grips.

5. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the projection (4) contains at least two members (4a, 4b) that can be axially displaced relative to each other in order to reduce the girth of the projection.

6. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the second element (5) comprises two mutually attached, for example slotted or hinged together, parts (14,21) that are mainly axially displaced relative to each other.

7. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the second element (5) comprises a hand grip (14) with which the means of passage can be operated, for example in which one member (4b) is displaced relative to the other member.

8. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the gripping edge (8,10) is located on one side of the projection (4) or on one member (4a).

9. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the second element (5) comprises a button (14) that can be manually moved upwards against the pre-tensioning means (15) and that carries with it a locking part (4b) and has a pressure face (20) with which the second element can be pressed onto the first element (1) while the button is kept free.

10. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which the second element (5) comprises a fastening device or clamping device (12,20) for the purpose of permanently affixing the object to the second element.